

Regional Outreach and Shared Care Program

**Do you live or travel outside
of metropolitan Melbourne?**

Speak to your Oncologist or
Nurse Consultant to see if this
program is an option for your
child and family.



The PICS is a state-wide service coordinating regional outreach and shared care for children and adolescents with cancer treated at The Royal Children's Hospital and Monash Children's Hospital.

The Regional Outreach and Shared Care Program

Approximately 30% of the children and adolescents with cancer treated by The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) and Monash Children's Hospital (MCH) reside in regional areas.

The goal of the Regional Outreach and Shared Care Program (ROSCP) is to provide care as close to home as possible, when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

The program provides education and training to the regional centres involved in caring for paediatric oncology patients, through a formal shared care agreement with the RCH and MCH.

As a result of this initiative, there may be opportunities for shared care between your primary treating hospital, and the regional centre closest to where you live.

Can your child have shared care?

Your Oncologist and/or Nurse Consultant will make this decision by taking into consideration the following:

- Place of residence
- Diagnosis
- Treatment protocol
- End of treatment surveillance/follow up requirements

ROSCP shared care centres



For more information visit: www.vics.org.au/pics

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